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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Good afternoon,

I am writing in response to the Proposed Final Judgement to the currently open anti-trust case against Microsoft. I have read large portions of the proposal and related information and have found numerous problems with it.

I find that it is at best, ridiculous, and at worst insulting to the American public. I'll center my complaint on a single issue in the spirit of brevity.

The Microsoft Platform SDK EULA says:

"Distribution Terms. You may reproduce and distribute ... the Redistributable Components... provided that (a) you distribute the Redistributable Components only in conjunction with and as a part of your Application solely for use with a Microsoft Operating System Product..."

This makes it illegal to run many programs built with Visual C++ on Windows-compatible competing operating systems. I find it to be more than a bit wrong to force developers to exclude target platforms based on whether Microsoft chooses to admit that it is a compatible platform.

Please deny this proposal and move forward with a course of action that would actually eliminate (rather than complicate) the anti-competitive practices of Microsoft.

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